

DUEL FOUGHT IN INDIANA

By Associated Press.
Huntington, Ind., Dec. 20.—In a duel early today in a dark room over a saloon between Policeman Charles Reilly and Thomas Thompson, whom Reilly had caught burglarizing the saloon, Reilly was shot in the lungs and Thompson in the chin and through the right leg. Reilly will probably die. Thompson is in jail.

REDUCTIONS ARE MADE

The county court acted on a number of reassessment petitions Wednesday.

There being no building on a lot belonging to W. T. Byrd the same was reduced from \$1,200 to \$600.

Charles Morrison's property was reduced from \$1,200 to \$950, the reduction being \$250 on the buildings.

J. W. Morris' petition to have the valuation of 125 acres reduced was granted and was placed at \$20 an acre instead of \$25.

A house and lot assessed to Margaret Mulheran at \$4,000 was stricken from the book.

D. G. and W. H. McWhorter's land of 82 acres was reduced from \$40 to \$33 an acre.

Nineteen lots were ordered charged to Olive A. Willis at \$1,140.

M. R. Crispin's house was reduced from \$7,000 to \$5,000 and the lot remains at \$2,100.

Armstrong, Crispin, Day & Co.'s lot remains at \$6,250 but the building was placed at \$500, making a reduction of \$150.

A reduction of \$1,000 was allowed on Mary C. Touchery's building on Main street.

L. E. Stout's 107 acres in Simpson district was reduced from \$50 to \$33.

George H. Stout was granted a reduction on his property.

Mary M. Gore's land of 22 acres in Coal district was reduced from \$100 to \$100 an acre.

L. L. Patton's property was placed at \$500 instead of \$800, a reduction on the buildings being allowed.

Wirt Lewis was granted a reduction of \$1,000 on his building.

A lot charged to W. R. Alexander was taken from the book.

A reduction of \$500 was allowed the Hedin heirs on buildings.

Twenty-two acres belonging to Rose L. Hustad assessed at \$50 was reduced to \$40 and 100 acres assessed to A. L. Lyon at \$42 was reduced to \$42, 124 acres assessed to A. L. Pigott from \$23 to \$20, and 7.73 acres belonging to Albert Lightner to 7.46 acres.

FERRY HORSES ARE DESTROYED

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 20.—The ferry house of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad is in ruins and almost a complete loss from fire, while that of the Jersey Central railroad is very badly damaged. One shed and some of the dock belonging to the Erie railroad was also partially burned. The fire started under the floor of the Lackawanna ferry house, where some painters were at work. It is thought one of the lamps used by the painters exploded. The fire loss is estimated at \$650,000.

Hornor Not Dead

Attorney Thomas R. Hornor, of Weston, arrived here from Washington City Wednesday morning. Mr. Hornor was very much amused over the wild report here a day or so ago that his death had occurred in Washington, and all his friends confess he is the liveliest corpse they ever saw. All are glad he is among the living and in good health.

The remains of Thomas Graves, who was killed by a train Tuesday morning, near the Despard coal mine, were sent to Bridgeport Wednesday morning. The funeral will take place at Bridgeport on Thursday.

THE POULTRY SHOW OPENS ITS DOORS

The second annual exhibition of the Clarksburg Poultry and Pet Stock Association commenced this morning. Today the first of the three days of exhibition was devoted to receiving, checking and arranging the numerous entries. Secretary Lewis and a staff of assistants were busy from morning until night getting the various exhibits arranged.

The show this year is being held in the Cutright building in Glen Elk. The depot street cars pass by the door. The exhibits will all be in readiness and the judge, Mr. T. E. Orr, of Beaver, Pa., will arrive this evening and begin his work of picking out the prize winners.

Up to the present time there has been received about 500 entries and about 10 different varieties of fowls await the verdict of the judge. In addition to the chickens there are numerous turkeys, geese, ducks, rabbits, etc.

Thursday and Friday the prizes will all have been awarded and it is expected that the large building will be taxed to its capacity to hold the crowds of sight seers, who will find their way to Glen Elk to see the greatest display of prize poultry ever brought to Clarksburg.

SIDEWALKS LAID IN ADAMSTON

The work of improving Adamston's streets, to which Mayor Southern has given his attention, has reached the stage where brick sidewalks are being laid and within a few months at most the town will have streets equal to those in a city. Mayor Southern is to be commended for the work he has done and had done for the town and has made himself stronger than ever with the people of that town in accomplishing these improvements. They are the first of any consequence the town has had in several years, and are bound to prove of great advantage to the citizens and all who do business in that thriving suburb.

RUSH BEGINS AT POSTOFFICE

The rush of the season has commenced at the Clarksburg postoffice and the opinion of the attaches is that they will have about one solid week of it, as it seems that the mails are being used for shipping Christmas goods to no small extent early in the season. Just now the mails are over-burdened with many calendars, souvenirs and various other things incident to the first of the year, some on which are relative to the annual settlements, which require early attention in many cases in order that the business in question may be closed on the first of the year.

The clerks in every department are busy as bees and find it necessary to work far overtime to keep up with the rush, but it is gratifying to know they are proving themselves equal to the occasion and are doing the business of the office with dispatch.

Joseph Kelly Recovers

Joseph Kelley, the B. & O. freight brakeman of the yard engine crew, who was injured yesterday by falling under a moving freight car, is resting as easily as could be expected at St. Mary's hospital. The only injuries sustained besides the loss of two fingers of the right hand, was a general shaking up. He is considerably bruised on the chest and one ankle sprained, but no bones were broken and he will be able to leave the hospital within a week.

Fitz is Favorite

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—There has been a change in the betting on the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien glove contest tomorrow night. The volume of money which poured into the pool rooms last night and this morning on Fitzsimmons has made the Cornish man the favorite and good judges of odds declare that when the men enter the ring Fitzsimmons will be a 10 to 7 choice. Both men are in fine condition.

Traction Pay Day

Today is pay day on the local street car system and the usual amount is being distributed among the employees.

STRIKE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The proclamation for a general strike for tomorrow at noon has created most intense excitement.

If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained the revolutionists are confident it will break the government's back.

A. C. Zinn, of Philippi, superintendent of the Backus county infirmary, is here attending the poultry show and calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rumble, of Wolf Summit, were here Wednesday shopping.

Silas Fittro was in the city from Salem Wednesday.

M. E. Ashcraft, traveling auditor of the Fairmont Coal Company, is in the city today on business connected with his department.

GAZLEY ELECTED BY HOTEL MEN

The West Virginia Hotel Keepers Association adjourned Tuesday night at Wheeling to meet in Sistersville next year. Raymond J. Gazley, of the Waldo hotel, was elected president of the association. The other officers are:

Secretary-Treasurer — C. D. Thompson, Wheeling.

Vice Presidents — C. D. Johnson, Richmond; W. G. Agnew, Sistersville; L. K. Krump, Kenova; Fred Bartlett, Mannington; Frank Sapp, Mannington.

Mr. Gazley will appoint a legislative committee later. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the meeting that the members of the association be required to place their employees handling money or other valuables, under sufficient bond to be determined by the proprietor himself, for the faithful performance of their duties."

At the conclusion of the business sessions a banquet was held and a brilliant evening was spent.

Those attending from Clarksburg were R. J. Gazley, Guy R. Sinsel and Owen Kraft.

BANK BUYS THE BUILDING

The Traders bank building and the lease on the ground up to January, 1911, was sold at United States commissioner's sale Wednesday afternoon to James F. Allen, representing the Union National Bank for \$10,000. The only other bidder was Joseph E. Sands, of Fairmont, whose upset bid of \$5,500 caused the former sale to the bank at \$4,500 to be set aside. The second sale is \$5,490 more than the first to the bank. The bidding between the bank and Sands was spirited.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF K. OF P. TOMORROW

The Knights of Pythias will meet tomorrow night at eight o'clock at their hall in Glen Elk. A question of the greatest importance will come before the lodge at this meeting and it is greatly desired that every Knight attend. The nomination for officers for the ensuing year will also be in order at this meeting.

BROADDUS VACATION

Broaddus Institute will close on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will reopen the Wednesday after New Years, to resume the work of the winter term. Most of the students will spend the holidays at their homes.

Dance at Waldo

The dance at the Waldo last evening given by the S. S. was one of the swiftest society events that has occurred lately. The ball was well attended and all participating thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Wells' orchestra furnished excellent music under the direction of Eugenliede Hollander Walters.

FINE MEETING MISSION SOCIETY OPENLY HELD

A fine meeting was the open session of the Women's Home Missionary Society, which was held in the spacious room of Mrs. C. J. Lang, 315 West Pike street, last evening. Quite a goodly company gathered at the above address upon the invitation of the local W. H. M. S. of Goff M. E. church. Mrs. C. C. Ridenour, the president of the society, had general charge of the opening meeting. A very profitable and entertaining program was carried out. All united in an opening hymn, a prayer was offered by the pastor, S. K. Arbutnot, and Mrs. T. C. Henry read a suitable Scripture selection. Miss Jones sang a beautiful solo in a very impressive manner, which was much enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Chas. H. Smith, the secretary, read an excellent report of the society's workings and stated that under the auspices of this society the services of a deaconess had been secured for the church which good work of the deaconess spoke for itself. Mrs. Smith included in her report the financial account which was found to be in a very excellent condition. Miss Laura Kester recited in a very pleasing manner and then Miss Jones, after a beautiful introductory address submitted her report covering the nine weeks she has been laboring in this field of work.

The report is as follows:
Number of calls, 302; number of sick calls, 31; total number of calls, 333; number of meetings attended, 74; number of meetings conducted, 17; number of scholars secured for Sunday school, 7; lessons taught in Sunday school, 6; papers and tracts given out, 59; bouquets of flowers, 6; garments given out, 133; articles of bedding, 3; baskets of food, 4; quarts of fruit, 10; glasses of jelly, 11; soap and gold dust, 3; baskets of fruit, 4; house in special work, 90; emergency money received, \$11.00; emergency money paid out, \$6.55; one bed given out; one mattress, one pair springs; 5 funerals attended; started a class in Sunday school; lessons taught in Sunday school, 8.

A most pleasant informal social season followed in which delicious refreshments were served. Christmas greens and bright Christmas bells were in evidence, making a beautiful setting for a most interesting meeting. It is hoped the W. H. M. S. may soon have another open meeting.

The Woodmen of the World will hold their regular weekly meeting in the Pythian hall in Glen Elk tonight at eight o'clock. In addition to the regular business, the candidates for the various offices for the ensuing year will be voted on. The nominations will close tonight, and immediately afterward the balloting will begin. The candidates nominated at present are:

C. C. — I. L. Moneyponny.
A. L. — M. M. Bradford.
Banker — W. L. McWhorter.
Clerk — C. M. Ernst.
Escort — C. B. Strawlings.
Watch — P. A. Hoyt.
Sentry — S. McClung.

WOODMEN ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The court will likely adjourn the term Saturday.

The jurors were discharged for the term, and the court is now giving its attention to chancery matters.

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MASSACRE STILL IN PROGRESS

By Associated Press.
Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians was still in progress in Tiflis, Caucasus, and throughout Caucasus, Dec. 18, according to dispatches from Tiflis under that date. Armenians are being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between Persians, Tartars or Ottomans.

About two thousand Mussulman families at Tiflis had sought refuge in neighboring villages.

Cossacks and other troops continue to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

CHARGES FILED AGAINST ATKINSON

Washington, Dec. 20.—A good deal of opposition has arisen against the confirmation of Judge G. W. Atkinson of West Virginia as a member of the court of appeals for the District of Columbia. Mr. Atkinson, who was formerly governor of the state, was appointed on the court of appeals last spring and has been holding office ever since. Tuesday his case came up for consideration by the Senate committee on judiciary. No action was taken, it being allowed to go over until after the holidays. Charges have been filed with the committee against Judge Atkinson's confirmation, it is stated, by a number of lawyers who practice before the court of appeals.

These charges set forth that Mr. Atkinson has not had sufficient legal training to fit him for membership in the court. In addition the committee's attention is called to a pardon case drawn up by Mr. Atkinson while governor of West Virginia which it is claimed does not display the legal talent usual in such cases. It is stated that both Senators Scott and Elkins will do everything in their power to secure the confirmation of Judge Atkinson, he having been appointed on their recommendation, as also the West Virginia delegation in the house.

CIRCUIT COURT IS CLOSING

In circuit court Wednesday H. H. Davis was acquitted of an indictment charging him with Sunday selling. The verdict was brought in after the jury had been out several hours.

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WILD GAME IS CONFISCATED

Deputy Sheriff J. H. McCray, of Webster county, arrived here Tuesday morning on an important mission. The sheriff of that county had notified him that wild game was being shipped out of the state contrary to law and instructed him to follow the shipment and have a deputy game warden take charge of it.

Upon his arrival here he found about 35 pheasants and 50 rabbits consigned by A. J. Cowgar, of Webster county, to I. C. Cook & Son, of Baltimore.

Mr. McCray enlisted the services of Constable Guy Merritt and the consignment was confiscated in behalf of the state and will be turned over to the state warden to dispose of.

This is the first case of the kind that has happened here this season.

FRANK WHELAN RENOMINATED

The Democrats at Weston held their town convention Tuesday night and nominated the following ticket for the election the first of the year: Mayor—Frank Whelan, present mayor.

Council—William Stalnaker, first ward; A. A. Warren, second ward; B. A. Koblegard, third ward, and John Chidester, fourth ward.

The Republicans hold their convention tonight.

A DARING HOLD UP ON MAIN STREET BRIDGE

Mellwood Ashmead, the general superintendent of the Traders cafe, was held up on his way home last night, while crossing the Main street bridge, but fortunately scared the highwaymen into flight at the point of an unloaded revolver.

It was about one o'clock, and Mr. Ashmead, who lives at the east end, was proceeding homeward, after a busy day at the Traders. At this time of night the streets were deserted and just as he was stepping off the eastern end of the bridge two highwaymen stepped out of the shadow and commanded him to throw up his hands. It happened that Mr. Ashmead was taking a revolver home with him from the repair shop, but it was unloaded. When he pulled his hands from his pockets he brought the revolver with it. The burglars not knowing that it was harmless immediately took to their heels, and Mr. Ashmead proceeded home in safety.

The men were strangers to him, but he describes one as short and stout, and the other as tall and thin. Owing to the darkness and the fact that faces were muffled, he was unable to distinguish them. Mr. Ashmead is receiving congratulations for his lucky escape and also for his bravery.

REVENUE VIOLATIONS CHARGED AGAINST HIM

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp brought in an Italian from Piedmont Tuesday night and took him before United States Commissioner Thomas S. Spates. He was charged with violating the internal revenue laws. The commissioner required bond of \$500 for him to appear at Parkersburg in January to answer an indictment. He gave the bond and was then released from custody.

BOUGHNER TO LECTURE

Homer D. Boughner, of this city, will the night of January 5, address a union meeting of young people's Christian societies at Weston. The meeting is being arranged for by the Christian Endeavorers and will be held in the Presbyterian church, but the Epworth League and the Baptist Young People's Union will be invited to be present and participate. Mr. Boughner will discuss the Christian Endeavor pledge.

REFORM SCHOOL BURNS

The reform school for the District of Columbia, located at Washington, was burned Tuesday with a loss of \$50,000. This is the institution to which Professor Darnall of the Pruntytown school was recently appointed superintendent.

GRANGE ADJOURNS TODAY

The State Grange reconvened on Wednesday morning with nearly sixty delegates present and the session was the most harmonious yet held. Many matters of great interest were discussed.

Director (Sewart) of the experiment station, at Morgantown, was present, also Prof. W. K. Brainard, of the College of Engineers. Every member of the state board of agriculture was also present and nearly every officer of the other agricultural organizations in the state, which are to hold annual sessions this week.

Rev. Archibald Moore was elected chaplain in place of J. O. Thompson, and Hon. S. W. Monroe was elected to succeed himself as member of the executive committee.

The session Tuesday afternoon was very interesting and there was a larger attendance than at the morning session.

At 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening the night session convened in the K. of P. hall, where the sixth degree was impressively conferred on a large class by a degree team from Union Grange No. 218, from Weston. At 9:30 a banquet was served to the members by the Swager hotel. Music and a good social time were enjoyed by all until 11 p. m.

Prof. C. D. Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture of Michigan, gave a great address Wednesday afternoon in connection with a discussion regarding the removal of the College of Agriculture from our university.

The Grange adjourned since die this year's annual meeting at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The state meetings to be held here the remainder of this week will be the State Live Stock Association, D. A. Arnold, president, beginning at 7:30 tonight, and reconvening at 9:30 tomorrow morning; the State Wool Growers and Sheep Breeders Association, Rev. Archibald Moore, of Mannington, president, tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and at 7:30 in the evening; the State Dairy Association, B. F. Mann, president, Friday at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. The last named will have a fine butter show, for which liberal prizes are to be given. The State Poultry Association will also be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All will be held in the Elks hall.

RAILROAD MEN ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Parkersburg Branch Railroad company, between Parkersburg and Grafton, was held in Parkersburg a few days ago, at which time the annual reports of the officers were read, giving the receipts and disbursements, all of which were of a very satisfactory character, the net earnings being an increase over the previous year.

The board of directors elected on that occasion is composed of Senator J. N. Camden, C. H. Shattuck, W. N. Chancellor and W. W. Van Winkle, of Parkersburg; W. H. Blackford, Aubrey Pearce, and D. W. Winchester, of Baltimore; L. M. Tuffet and E. C. Weinbremer, of Frederick, and Thos. S. Spates, of Clarksburg.

The board organized and elected the following officers:
President—Oscar G. Murray.
Vice President—G. F. Randolph.
Secretary—C. W. Wolford.
Treasurer—J. V. McNeal.

BIG BLAZES IN WASHINGTON

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Two fires early this morning caused an aggregate loss of \$100,000. One was the fire in the Julep Piano Company store and Muddiman & Co.'s gas fixture and lamp store. Four women were carried from the building unconscious.

The other fire was in the commission district. The Majestic theatre narrowly escapes. P. H. Heiskill, Jr., & Co., agricultural implements, and several commission houses and feed stores burned.